



## QATAR MINOR ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

September, 2011

Welcome to hockey in the Q! We are excited about watching the players enjoy the game and improve their skills throughout the season.

I would like to thank the Executive for all their work in organizing registration and our season – we think it's going to be great! Our mission is to provide a quality hockey program with emphasis on enjoyment of the game, basic hockey skills and personal development including sportsmanship, fair play, positive self-esteem, teamwork, discipline and respect of others.

There are a few things that make hockey in Qatar different than hockey in some other countries where it is a well established sport. For instance, we strive to ensure that everyone who wants to play ice hockey has the opportunity to do so. This often results in having players with diverse skill sets in most divisions. In order to ensure that players remain competitive, stay safe and continue to be challenged, we often move players around. This means that you may have a 12 year old just learning the game playing with a team of mostly 10 year olds, or it could mean that you have an 11 year old playing on the Under 15 team. These decisions are always made with consideration of age, safety and skills and discussion is held with coaches, the executive and in consultation with parents.

We have approximately 100 players registered this year with a large group in Initiation. It is great to see so many little kids out on the ice! We have had fewer players register in Pee Wee and Midgets, therefore we have had to work with coaches to combine teams. Instead of Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, and Bantam, we will now have two teams in Under 9, Under 12, and Under 15 divisions. This has resulted in a change of the hockey schedule and we apologize for the inconvenience that this causes. It is imperfect, we know, but we have done our best to affect the least change. As usual, there may still be some recommendations regarding movement of players as the coaches continue to assess skills and abilities. Please see the list below to find out what division your child will be playing in and when. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to make it all work for all the players. As always, contact one of us if you would like to discuss the changes.

We are planning to post news and events on the QMIHA website [www.qataricehockey.com](http://www.qataricehockey.com) routinely so please take a few minutes every couple of weeks to stay informed.

There are still some players looking for equipment so if you have some for sale, please post it on the QMIHA site under the Equipment Tab – Buy & Sell. If you have already sold the equipment listed there, please send us an email at [QMIHA@yahoo.com](mailto:QMIHA@yahoo.com) and we will take the posts down.

We are a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers for our executive, coaches, coordinators, etc. It takes lots of people to make things happen and there are lots of things that need to happen or sometimes, just happen! If you want to get involved in the organization, or have some ideas about how to improve things, and have some time, we would love to have you involved. We will be looking for additional help for timekeepers for Saturday games, tournaments, and anything else hockey-related that arises.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to help out, please drop us an email or talk to one of the Coaches or Executive members at the arena. Our Executive members include: Rhonda Rooney, Vice President; Kathy Seck, Treasurer; Leslie Wilson, Secretary; Lynn Daley, Registrar; and Andrew Seck, Fundraising Coordinator. Other people stepping up to fulfill roles include: Dan Lemoing, Coach Coordinator; Ron MacLellan, Director of Officials; Eric Wilson, Referee Coordinator; Lonnie Croal, Equipment Manager; and Thom Eldridge, Tournament Coordinator (until December, 2011). I am thankful to and for them all!

Remember, Hockey is the Coolest Game in the Gulf!

See you at the rink!

Jan Marie Graham

President

**Tuesday Practice:** 6 - 7 PM: U12  
7 - 8 PM: U15

**Wednesday Practice:** 6 - 7 PM: U9

**Saturday:**

8:00 - 9:15 AM Initiation Hockey Development (Practice/Game)

9:30 - 10:45 U9 Game

11:00 - 12:15 U12 Game

12:30 - 1:45 U15 Game

**Initiation**

Coaches: Adam Laing, Rex Oldford, Mark Haddad, & Andrezej Romaniuk

Players: Owen Bourdreau, Sarah Gamar, Wissam Ghazzawi, Omar Glaoui, Alexander Haddad, Ben Heney, Natasha Holmstrom, Adam Hulebi, Stan Klinckenberg, Sebastian Laing, Alysha MacLeod, Owen Martin, Oliver McNally, Ethan Mussel, DiHu Petrescu, Agnieszka Romaniuk, Isabella Todd, Mikael Wieru, Alex Yaacoub.

**U9**

Coaches: Paul MacLeod, Sean Ryan

Players: Xavier Bromley, Heavah Bromley, Simon Byberg, Keane Daley, Carter Desbarats, Aisha Gamar, Kamal Ghazzawi, Liam Goulden, Yousuf Hefeeda, Mathieu Kennedy, Sean Kennedy, Isaiah Lilly, Connor Macleod, William Oldford, Horia Petrescu, Piotr Romaniuk, Darcy Ryan, Antti Siltaniemi, Henri Siltaniemi, Christiana Todd

**U12**

Coaches: Doug Bilinski, Dan Lemoing

Players: Eve Boyle, Dima Al Bayati, Conner Baily, Russell Bilinski, Banner Chapman, Milan Charafeddine, Quinn Croal, Craig Gilpin, Patrick Goulden, David Granados, Sean Holmstrom, Mohammed Jbarah, Conner King, Ben Lemoing, Jacob Lemoing, Megan McCartney, Jack McHale, Karim Morgan, Jan Mussell, Mason Pratley, Nathan Rosenbaum, Aidan Ryan, Lucas Schmidt, Sebastian Sole, Maksim Wattan, Laith Younes, Youssef Zayed

**U15**

Coaches: Ron MacLellan, Kevin Sage

Players: Anthony Andraos, Nathaniel Bishop, Llnus Byberg, Adrien Charafeddine, Ben Clattenburg, Sean Croal, Stuart Dickson, Marshall Howman, Griffin Joseph, Majdi Khatib, Matthew Knox, Clayton Koob, Arthur Le Maire, Nicholas Lemoing, Jacob Levers, Kamal Maayergi, McKenna MacLellan, Karim Ridanovic, Noah Riego, Caleb Ryan, Zachary Sage, Daniel Saretsky, Benjamin Sole, Hamza Wasim, Ryan Seck, Cooper MacLellan